Year	Per Capita Availability of Foodgrains
1998	163.2
1999	170.0
2000	165.9
2001	151.9
2002	180.4
2003	159.7
2004	168.9
2005	154.2
2006(P)	162.3

(P)- Provisional

In order to increase production and productivity and thereby the per capita availability, the notabale steps taken by the Government are Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) for Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals and Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM).

(d) The production target of foodgrains for the year 2007-08 is fixed at 221.50 million tonnes.

Revision of assistance package on suicides of farmers

19. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether suicide by debt-ridden farmers in various parts of the country, particularly, Maharashtra and Karnataka, continues unabated;

(b) if so, the details for the last three years with the details of assistance extended to the farmers to alleviate their problems, State-wise;

(c) whether the package of assistance announced by Government last year has not found favour with the farmers; and

(d) if so, the details and the measures proposed to be taken to revise the scheme of assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY FOR AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) A Statement showing suicides by farmers during the last three years as reported by the respective State Governments is (given in Statement-I (*See* below). To alleviate the sufferings of the farmers the Government announced a Special Rehabilitation Package for the distressed farmers in 31 Districts with reports of high number of suicides in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala. The details of State-wise assistance extended under the package are enclosed at Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) No such report/information has been received from the State Governments.

(d) Doesn't arise.

Statement-I

Cases of suicide by farmers reported by State Governments.

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Period	No. (Based on the figures reported by State Govts.)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2004	1251
		2005	632
		2006	448
		2007	114
2.	Karnataka	2004-05	271
		2005-06	163
		2006-07	320
		2007-08 (up to 10.07.2007)	73
3.	Maharashtra	2004	622
		2005	577
		2006	2329
		2007 (up to Feb. 2007)	239
4.	Kerala	2001 to 2006	841
		2007 (upto 31.01.2007)	13
5.	Tamil Nadu	2000-2007 (upto March 2007)	26
6.	Punjab*	2004	11
		2005	6
7.	Gujarat*	2004	7
		2005	7
		2006 (upto 30.05.2006)	1

* This information reported *vide* State Government letter dt. 21.03.06 relates to the cotton belt of Punjab. Government of Punjab has also reported that number of suicides by farmers due to debt burden in the year 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 was 2, nil, 3 and 3 respectively. However, upto date data regarding suicide is awaited from the Governments of Punjab and Gujarat.

NB: The Nil report has been received from the States/UTs namely Orissa, Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Goa, Haryana, Delhi, Sikkim, J & K, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Lakshadweep, Pondicherry, Andaman & Nicobar. The information from rest of the States/UTs is awaited.

Statement-II

Details of Rehabilitation Package-Releases (Position as on 27th July, 2007) (in crore)

Sl. No	Items	Maharashtra				Karnataka				Kerala				Andhra Pradesh			
		Central Govt.	State Govt.	NABARD/ Banks	Total	Central Govt.	State Govt.	NABARD/ Banks	Total	Central Govt.	State Govt.	NABARD/ Banks	Total	Central Govt.	State Govt.	NABARD/ Banks	Total
1	Interest Waiver	356.00	356.00	112.98	824.98	104.91	-	523.67	628.58	180.00	-	13.01	193.01	718.22	-	1275.68	1993.90
2.	Major Irr	234.00	398.99	-	632.99	44.31	538.15	-	582.46	-	-	-	-	561.72	2289.73*	-	2851.45
3	Medium Irr	48.12	-	-	48.12	-	-	-	-	2.72	-	-	2.72	241.45	-	-	241.45
4	Minor Irr	-	323.38	117.59	440.97	-	-	2.32	2.32	-	-	2.10	2.10	20.09	93.08	27.20	140.37
5	Seed Replacement	67.46	-	-	67.46	10.38	-	-	10.38	1.32	-	-	1.32	67.36	-	-	67.36
6	Check Dams	-	-	45.65	45.65	-	-	1.00	1.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	102.87	102.87
7	Watershed Dev.	-	-	4.82	4.82	-	-	1.95	1.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8.	Rainwater Harvesting	-	-	0.62	0.62	-	-	11.05	11.05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Horticulture Dev.	18.30	-	-	18.30	20.34	-	-	20.34	10.79	-	-	10.79	66.58	-	-	66.58
10	Micro Irr	22.76	-	-	22.76	12.07	-	-	12.07	06.36	-	-	06.36	36.44	-	-	36.44
11	Extension Services	3.83	-	-	3.83	-	-	-	-	1.17	-	-	1.17	4.67	-	-	4.67
12	Subsidiary Income	17.79	-	-	17.79	17.70	-	-	17.70	15.16	-	-	15.16	39.98	-	-	39.98
13.	PMNRF	03.00	-	-	03.00	03.00	-	-	03.00	01.50	-	-	01.50	08.00	0.67	-	8.67
	Total	771.26	1078.37	281.66	2131.29	212.71	538.15	539.99	1290.85	219.02	-	15.11	234.13	1764.51	2383.48	1405.75	5553.74

* Includes Medium irrigation

Summary

State	Allocation			Releases			
	Rehab. Package	2006-07	2007-08	Central Govt.	State Govt.	NABARD/ Banks	Total
Maharashtra	3873.26	1755.21	1755.21	771.26	1078.37	281.66	2131.29
Karnataka	2689.64	1039.40	1039.40	212.71	538.15	539.99	1290.85
Kerala	765.24	494.48	494.48	219.02	-	15.11	234.13
Andhra Pradesh	9650.55	4172.54	4172.54	1764.51	2383.48	1405.75	5553.74
TOTAL:	16978.69	7461.63	7461.63	2967.50	4000.00	2242.51	9210.01

Suicides in Andhra Pradesh

20. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers are committing suicides in many States due to various reasons;

(b) if so, the details of such suicides reported especially in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) the relief amount granted to such families through special packages in each case especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether the Prime Minister had also announced some relief packages especially for Andhra Pradesh;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor: and

(g) the future action plan prepared to keep farmers happy in all the States to prosper the farmers as well as our country in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) A Statement indicating year-wise and district-wise suicides by farmers as reported by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh is enclosed herewith (*See* below). The reasons for suicide as reported by the State Government are failure of successive monsoon, increasing rural indebtedness, and increase in cost of production/ reduced realization/ failure of crops/accumulated debts. Some other States have also reported suicides by farmers due to various reasons.

(c) to (g) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh is sanctioning an ex-gratia of Rs. 1.5 lakh to the families of the deceased farmers towards liquidation of the farm debts and rejuvenating the farm. An amount of Rs. 48,55,50,000/- has been disbursed so far in 3237 cases.

A special rehabilitation package for 31 Districts with reports of high number of suicides in the four States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala, involving a total amount of Rs. 16978.69 crore is under implementation. The package is under implementation in 16 Districts of Andhra Pradesh at a total cost of Rs. 9650.55 crore which includes both subsidy/grant and loan component. Various items of assistance include ex-gratia assistance from Prime Minister's National Relief Fund, interest waiver, assured irrigation, seed replacement, watershed development, micro irrigation, horticulture development, extension services, and subsidiary income services.